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In re: Application of: SINGH et al.

Application No.: 10/082,010

Examiner:

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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing the following documents:

- X Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449;
- X Copy of International Search Report and references; and
- X 1 postcard.

Although no fee is believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951. Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.97

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby
notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached
Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the
above-identified application.

The enclosed documents were cited in a search conducted by the reference was cited in
part in a search report drawn up by the U.S. Patent Office on the corresponding PCT application
to the one identified above, namely, Application no. PCT/US03/09375.

Applicant asserts that pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), it is hereby
certified that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited
in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the

knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

These references are being timely filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97.

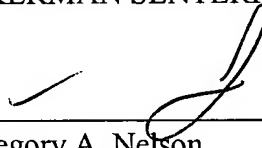
The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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